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To the President of

The University of Toronto (ont)

Sir,

Assuming that the present war abroad may have deprived your College of one, or more, of its foreign teachers, I beg leave to inquire whether you would care to have me supply the temporary gap.

I am by birth and early training a Frenchman, with an English mother; have followed for six years a course of studies in Germany, where I took my Ph.D. in Halle a/S. and passed other examinations in Berlin.

I have travelled extensively in Europe and the Near East; and came to the United States in 1896. I have been now for 12 years an American citizen; for a number of years teacher of modern languages (French & German) and Latin, in the State Normal School of Plattsburg, N.Y. and, at the same time, a regular correspondent to some French and German dailies.

Under the auspices of the "Alliance française" in Providence, R.I. I lectured, two winters in succession, in one of the halls of Brown University, and also in Boston before the members of the said Alliance.

I have been a Minister of the Gospel now for about seven years, in good standing. †

The letter herewith enclosed is one of many that were written in my behalf before I entered the ministry. The facts here stated can be readily corroborated, any time if desired, by the following gentlemen:

1- Mr. Samuel Bowles, Editor and Publisher of the Springfield Republican (Springfield, Mass.) whose friendship I gained long ago, at the University of Berlin.

2- The Reverend Henry M. King, DD. Pastor Emeritus, Providence, R.I.

3- Judge Gebhard Willrich. United States Consul in Quebec City, Canada.

Respectfully,

Charles E. Rivier

Ph.D.

† My last charge was in Drummondton
(Vermont) Cf. Congregational Year Book
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Providence, R.I. July 16, 1914.

Judge Gebhard Willrich, United States' Consul,
Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir,

I am informed that Dr. Charles Rivier is an applicant for a vacancy in the High School in Quebec. I have been acquainted with him for a number of years, having welcomed him to the old First Baptist Church in this city during my pastorate, ten or twelve years since.

I believe him to be a man of excellent character and of unusual attainments as a scholar.

He is a fine linguist, having the command of ancient as well as modern languages, and is well versed in history and Political Economy.

He has had large experience as an Educator, Editor and Author, as well as preacher.

He has studied at the Universities of Paris and Berlin, and I should judge him well qualified for the vacancy in the Quebec High School. Having recently gone to your city he may not have at his hand his abundant credentials.

I am informed that a letter addressed to you will be used in his behalf. I therefore take this liberty.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Melville King,

Pastor Emeritus,

December 7th, 1914

Dr. C. E. Rivier,

52 St. Michael Street,

Quebec.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter asking for information as to the need of men to supply any temporary gaps in French or German. Some men have been removed from our staff from one cause or another, but so far I have been able to make arrangements to get their teaching done for the most part locally, and at present I do not see any likelihood that we shall have to employ extra help, but I will keep your letter beside me.

Yours sincerely,

President.